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## ANNUAL SESSION OF MISSISSIPPI SYNOD

HELD HERE LAST WEEK WAS  
PLEASANT AND PROFITA-  
BLE, MANY DELEGATES  
HAVING ATTENDED.

Rev. S. J. Givens, of Aberdeen, Was  
Elected Moderator to Succeed  
Dr. T. B. Nations—Synod  
Adjourned on Friday.

The Mississippi Synod of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in annual session at the Cumberland Presbyterian church on St. John street last Wednesday. The synod did not formally convene until Wednesday night, but many of the delegates arrived on early trains and devotional services were held at eleven o'clock a. m., having been conducted by Dr. T. B. Nations, of Cedar Bluff, the retiring moderator. According to the program, there was to have been a sermon Wednesday evening by Rev. J. H. Zwingle, of Nashville, Tenn., but Mr. Zwingle failed to arrive, and Dr. Nations again officiated at the evening services. Under the rules of the synod, Dr. Nations' term as moderator expired at the conclusion of the services Wednesday evening, and Rev. S. J. Givens, of Aberdeen, was elected to succeed him.

At eight o'clock Thursday morning the first business session of the synod was held, having been presided over by Rev. S. J. Givens, the newly elected moderator. The only important matter that came up for discussion at this meeting was the report of the board of trustees of the Southern Female College at West Point. This college is owned by the synod, and the trustees reported the sale of the property to Mr. E. W. Doran, asking that same be ratified and confirmed. The matter was discussed at some length, a motion to table the report having finally prevailed.

At the conclusion of the business meeting Thursday morning there was a sermon by Rev. N. R. French, of Conehatta, Miss. Rev. J. T. Bartee, of Owensboro, Ky., was to have been the speaker Thursday morning, but failed to arrive, and his place on the program was filled by Mr. French. The sermon by Mr. French concluded the morning exercises, and the congregation was dismissed, the benediction having been pronounced by Rev. J. J. Hill, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

While the synod was holding its regular session in the Cumberland Presbyterian church Thursday morning a meeting of the Ladies' Synodical Missionary Society was in progress at the parish house of St. Paul's Episcopal church. The principal feature of this meeting was an address by Mrs. Mary M. Graf, of Evansville, Ind. Mrs. Graf is corresponding secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions, and her talk, which was on missionary topics, was very beneficial to those who are interested in this work.

Ruling Elder E. L. Baskette, of Nashville, who was to have delivered an address Thursday evening, failed to arrive, and the program on that occasion was furnished by the ladies. Mrs. Graf delivered another lecture and Mrs. C. M. Zwingle, president of the local missionary society, made a very interesting talk, there having also been recitations by the younger folks.

After the literary program had been concluded there was another business meeting of the synod, and a number of important matters came up for discussion and adjudication. The report of the board of trustees of the Southern Female College at West Point, which reported the sale of the college to W. E. Doran and which at the morning session was tabled, again came before the synod and the report was finally approved and the sale ratified.

After having appointed Dr. T. B. Nations and Rev. S. J. Givens State evangelists, the synod adjourned to meet in Brooksville on the first Wednesday in next October.

A special was sent out from Jackson stating that the synod holding its meeting here represented the dissenting action of the body which is to meet in the Capital City later in the month. This statement, however, was erroneous. The synod which meets in Jackson is that of the Presbyterian and not of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. There is, it is true, a schism in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, one faction be-

ing known as the "Loyalists" and the other as the "Unionists." The synod in session here was that of the "Loyalists" and that of the "Unionists" was held at Meridian.

### The Wednesday Whist Club.

Mrs. William Winston was the initial hostess of the Ladies' Whist Club for the season bright in expectation and promise, and entertained delightfully on last Wednesday afternoon. Chrysanthemums, as the most regal of autumn flowers, were used with artistic result in the decorations, pink being the color motif in favor in the drawing room, while the reception hall had a more brilliant setting in red and yellow. A delicious salad and meat course with ices and bonbons was served after the games. Conforming to the new rules, Mrs. Winston invited only the club members, with guests to fill the vacancies. Those present were: Mrs. T. W. Hardy, Mrs. Betts, Mrs. D. P. Davis, Mrs. William Rhett, Mrs. Howard Teasdale, Mrs. Mayo, Mrs. Searcy, Mrs. J. T. W. Hairston, Mrs. Ayres, Mrs. John Maxwell, Miss Anna Banks and Miss Lucile Hardy.

### Green Not Guilty.

Tracy Green was tried before Mayor Donnell and a jury yesterday on the charge of retailing, and was acquitted. The trial was the outcome of the shooting of Ed Dooley by Mrs. Green on October 29th, which occurred at Green's store. Shortly after Dooley was shot the police visited the store and found several bottles of alcohol. It was insinuated that Dooley had been drunk by some decoction purchased from Green, and the charge of keeping a blind tiger was docketed against him. There was not enough evidence to warrant a conviction, however, and Green, who was represented at the trial by Hon. Z. P. Landrum, was acquitted.

### A Worthy Pythian.

The following notice, which appeared in a recent issue of the Pythian Journal, will be read with interest by Mr. Richards' many friends in this city.

"Another true and loyal Pythian was honored by his constituents in the recent election in our State. Mr. D. D. Richards, of Columbus, Miss., was re-elected chancery clerk in his county. Mr. Richards has for a number of years been allied with Tombigbee No. 12 of Columbus, and his lodge has honored him with their highest offices at various times. The many friends over the State extend to D. D. and the Richards boys their best wishes. If as true to the people as to their lodge victory will be theirs."

### Schumann-Heink's Home Life.

In the home life Schumann-Heink is the ideal mother, wholly forgetful of self and doing everything for the comfort, pleasure and culture of her children. Her full worth has not been told, her lofty conceptions of duty and great love of all that is good and pure has only half been pictured.

Her life and career go to show that the woman artist can attain to the heights and yet retain all her womanly ways, be the noble wife and sympathetic mother. The world loves a womanly woman, and is willing at any time to rear an eternal monument in her name.

The proud achievements of Schumann-Heink, untarnished by any selfish act or purpose and glorified by a love and sympathy for every human being, should sink deep into the hearts of all coming musicians. The principles which she has set forth should be crowned with wreaths of immortality.

Her career has brought honor and renown to her profession, and her high ideals and aims have given additional strength to the home and fireside.

At the regular meeting of Tombigbee Lodge No. 12, Knights of Pythias, which was held last Tuesday night, the rank of page was conferred upon Mr. Hicks McClanahan and Mr. J. Ater was elected to membership.

Mr. N. V. Hutchinson, the efficient traveling passenger agent of the Southern Railway in Mississippi, who has been ill at the McKinley Sanitarium for the past ten days, is able to be out again.

Miss Mitchell Finch of Greenville arrived Friday and will assist in the work of the athletic department at the college. Miss Finch will act as coach for the basket ball teams.

## FINANCE SITUATION COLUMBUS HAS IS LESS STRINGENT FINE OPPORTUNITY

LOCAL BANK HAS COMMENCED  
TO FURNISH CASH TO COT-  
TON BUYERS—STAPLE  
IS NOW MOVING.

Stringency of Money Has Caused a  
Decrease in Amount of Cotton  
Marketed. Receipts Last  
Week Being Small.

The local financial situation is beginning to brighten a bit. The skies are not entirely clear, but the clouds are scattering and the golden sunlight—the word golden is used in its literal sense—is beginning to shed its wondrous rays upon the business world. Since the beginning of the panic the local banks have deemed it inexpedient to advance money to the brokers for the purchase of cotton, as currency could not be secured in exchange for the commodity when delivered in New York and other large markets. The only stipend procurable was in the shape of clearing-house certificates, and while these certificates were worth par they could not be used to buy more cotton, so the banks were therefore compelled to discontinue their practice of advancing money to the cotton buyers. On Friday, however, the First State Bank withdrew the restrictions which had been placed around the payment of checks, and the cotton buyers doing business with the bank were notified that they could resume trading with the assurance that their checks would be honored when presented at the bank for collection.

Mr. T. B. Franklin, president of the Columbus Insurance & Banking Company, was seen by a Dispatch reporter, and stated that the bank of which he is president was also paying all checks presented, including those issued by the brokers in payment for cotton. Mr. E. C. Chapman, cashier of the Merchants & Farmers Bank, stated that his bank had the account of only one cotton firm, and that this firm had on deposit a sufficient amount of money to pay for as much cotton as they cared to buy.

That the farmers are holding their cotton as a result of the stringency of money and the consequent decline in prices is shown by the unwonted falling off in receipts. The receipts last week were only 755 bales against 4,062 for the corresponding week last year, showing a decrease of 3,307 bales. That the crop is considerably smaller this year than last in the territory contiguous to Columbus is shown by the discrepancy in receipts. Up to last Friday Columbus had received only 12,257 bales, while the receipts up to the same date last year were 18,614 bales, showing a loss of 6,357 bales on the first nine weeks of the season. It is true that the falling off of receipts last week was due largely to the fact that no cotton was being bought, but the crop is undeniably short, and the total receipts on the season will probably be less than those of last year by several thousand bales.

### Jacob W. Propst Dead.

Jacob W. Propst, aged 55 years, died early Friday morning at his late residence, 3005 Avenue F, after a very brief illness from pneumonia. The deceased is survived, besides a widow, by three children, Mrs. D. E. Dugger of Woodlawn, Mrs. H. P. Richardson of Palmetto, Ala., and R. W. Propst of Birmingham. He was well known in Fayette, Ala., Columbus, Miss., and Atlanta, Ga. The funeral services over the remains were conducted from the Trinity Methodist church, on the corner of Avenue F and Thirtieth street, Friday afternoon at three o'clock. The interment was made in Elmwood cemetery.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

### Jordon-Bentley.

Mr. Robert Lynn Jordon of Alhambra, Miss., and Miss Maude Lee Bentley were married at the home of the bride on North Third avenue at ten o'clock last Wednesday morning, the ceremony having been performed by Rev. R. A. Clark, pastor of the second Methodist church. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Dora Bentley, and is a pretty and accomplished young lady who is esteemed and admired by all who know her. The groom is a progressive young man of Alhambra, and the happy couple will reside there, having left for their future home immediately after the ceremony.

TO SECURE APPROPRIATION FOR  
TOMBIGBEE BY BEING REP-  
RESENTED AT BIRMING-  
HAM CONVENTION.

Delegates Will Meet There November  
19th to Discuss Plans for Im-  
provement of the Water-  
ways in this Section.

The waterways convention which is to be held in Birmingham on November 19th is attracting attention throughout the entire South and is of especial interest to Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama and East Mississippi. The convention is to deal with waterways improvements which vitally affect this section, and it is to be hoped that there can be outlined a comprehensive plan by which these waterways can be greatly improved and adequate river transportation provided for the territory mentioned above.

This convention presents to Columbus an opportunity to secure provision for the improvement of the Tombigbee river which should not be overlooked. The mayors of the various cities in the above mentioned States have been asked to appoint delegates to the convention, and those who go to Birmingham to represent Columbus should insist that in formulating a plan for the general improvement of waterways, the Tombigbee be adequately provided for. Columbus has suffered for years from lack of competition in transportation facilities and consequent discrimination in the matter of freight rates. Under present conditions the Tombigbee is navigable only a few months out of each year, and we are practically at the mercy of one railroad system, all the lines entering the city being controlled by the Southern Railway. It is true that another railroad is projected, but even should this line be built Columbus would not derive the beneficial results which would accrue from the improvement of the river. Once the Tombigbee is made continuously navigable, Columbus will be independent of the railroads and can demand and secure the rates to which her importance as a commercial center entitles her.

### Peculiar Death of Horse.

A horse belonging to Messrs. Caine & Lance, who own a livery stable at the corner of College and Sixth streets, died in a peculiar and most unusual manner on one of the principal thoroughfares of the city last Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Caine had driven the horse up town to show him to a prospective purchaser, and just as he reached the corner of Main and Market streets on his return trip to the stable the animal balked, and after a few seconds had been spent by Mr. Caine in a vain effort to induce him to proceed, dropped dead in his tracks. The animal had had no violent exercise, and when he left the stable seemed to be in perfect physical condition, but it seems that horses, as well as human beings, sometimes have weak hearts, and heart disease doubtless caused the death of the animal.

### Mrs. Julia D. Childers Dead.

Mrs. Julia D. Childers, the beloved wife of Mr. E. H. Childers, died at her home, No. 124 South Third avenue, at two o'clock last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Childers' death came as the result of a paralytic stroke with which she was seized on Tuesday morning. She had been in her usual health up to that date, and at the time of the seizure was talking pleasantly and cheerfully with her children. The paralytic stroke affected her entire body, and she never rallied, having suffered continuously until the end came.

Mrs. Childers was a gentle, kind-hearted and sweet tempered woman, and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. She is survived by a husband, four sons and three daughters, to whom her death is indeed a sad affliction. She was devoted to her husband and children, and the family hearthstone will seem bleak and cheerless without the fond mother and devoted wife who has ever been the guardian angel of the household. Mrs. Childers, who at the time of her death was fifty-one years of age, was a devoted Christian, having for many years been a faithful and consistent member of the First Baptist church. The Dispatch joins the many friends

of the family in extending sympathy and condolence in their sad affliction.

The funeral occurred at the family residence on South Third avenue at two o'clock Thursday afternoon, having been conducted by Rev. W. A. Hewitt, pastor of the First Baptist church. The interment was at Friendship cemetery. Messrs. J. L. Walker, P. W. Maer, Ed. McKusick, R. E. Cheatham, J. A. Goroe and Brooks McGowan having officiated as pall bearers.

### McQuown Property Sold.

Mr. C. F. Sherrod has completed the deal for the McQuown property at the corner of College and Sixth streets, and is now the owner of the lot which was selected by the government as the site for the federal building which is to be erected here. It is generally understood that Mr. Sherrod's object in making the purchase is to induce the government to erect the federal building on Bradford square. The McQuown property is located within the confines of the sixteenth section, and the owner cannot give the government a fee simple title. This caused a hitch, and the deal, insofar as the government is concerned, was declared off. Practically the whole of Bradford square lies outside the sixteenth section line, and Mr. Sherrod, who owns quite a lot of property in that neighborhood, hopes to see the federal building located there.

### Burglar Visits Banker.

Last Wednesday evening a burglar entered the residence of Mr. E. C. Chapman, cashier of the Merchants & Farmers Bank, on Main street and stole a revolver, several articles of wearing apparel, and about five dollars in cash, the money having been in a small bank belonging to Mr. Chapman's little son, Edward. There was no one at home at the time, Mr. Chapman, his wife and little son having been at the theater, and the robbery was not discovered until their return. The clothing was found the next morning under a bridge at an adjacent street crossing, but both the money and the burglar are still missing. The robbery was reported to the police and several negroes were arrested on suspicion, but all proved their innocence and were subsequently released.

### The Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Quite a number of the men of St. Paul's Episcopal church gathered at the church last Wednesday evening for the purpose of organizing a local branch of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The church members assembled in response to a call from Rev. W. E. Dakin, the rector, who is an enthusiastic member of the order and who is anxious to see it represented in Columbus. Mr. Dakin explained the objects of the brotherhood, and told of the splendid work which had been accomplished in all parts of the country, and the meeting was adjourned until next Wednesday night, at which time permanent organization will be effected.

### Increased Postal Receipts.

The receipts at the local postoffice for the month of October show a substantial increase over the same period last year. The receipts for the month just ended were \$2,668, while the receipts for the previous October were \$1,790, showing a net gain of \$878.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Brickley entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Plicker, of Louisville, Ky., on Thursday evening at their home on South Seventh street.

Dr. T. C. Weir, who was for a number of years a prominent Methodist minister in this section and who is now retired, spent several days of the past week in the city. Dr. Weir is a kinsman of Dr. W. L. Lipscomb and came to Columbus to see that gentleman. While here he was a guest at the home of Prof. Dabney Lipscomb on College street, and on Friday morning made a talk at the Industrial Institute and College that was very much enjoyed by the students of that institution.

Mrs. J. W. Nason, who has been spending the past few weeks with relatives in the city, has returned to her home in Helena, Ark., having been accompanied by her little niece, Miss Tillie Bailey, who will spend the winter with her.

Mrs. W. C. McClure has returned to Corinth, where she goes to spend a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Young.

## MUST CONNECT WITH CITY SEWER

COUNCIL VOTES TO ENFORCE AN  
ORDINANCE COMPELLING  
CONNECTION WITH  
SEWER LINES.

Contractors Refused from Forfeiture  
on Bonds—Changes in Police  
Force—Several Other  
Matters Disposed of.

City Hall, Columbus, Miss.,  
November 3, 1907.

At a regular meeting of the City Council held this date there were present E. S. Donnell, Mayor, and Councilmen Weaver, Stevens, Walker, McClanahan, Moore and Gardner.

After the reading and adoption of the minutes of the last meeting, the following proceedings were had:

The monthly reports of the captain of police, street commissioner and engineer of the water works were read and ordered filed.

The report of the city marshal concerning collections for the month of October was read and summary of same ordered spread upon the minutes, as follows:

Fines, mayor's court	\$112.89
Water rents	271.58
Privilege license	521.58
General taxes	28.15
Street tax	54.87
Sidewalk tax	1.00
Pound fees	10.00
Rent, poundage, 3rd quarter	17.00
Sale stores	7.00
Non-resident pupils	18.00
Street hands, hauling coal to schools	17.00
Dog tax	2.00
Total	\$1,155.15

The above amount has been paid the treasurer, whose receipt I hold.  
M. C. Vandiv.

### Marshal and Tax Collector.

The treasurer's financial report for the month of October was read, and ordered spread upon the minutes, and will appear in the next issue of the Dispatch.

In response to an order of the Council, Messrs. Knott & Terry, having in charge certain contracts at Franklin Academy and the Turner Memorial School, were before the Council and made explanation as to delays covering work on their respective contracts, and upon motion of Councilman Gardner, seconded by Councilman Weaver—that in view of the satisfactory explanations of the contractors—no further be required of them. So ordered.

Councilman McClanahan, of the street committee, asked and was granted further time for his committee to report on sidewalks at the Turner Memorial School.

McClanahan by Walker: That they may be requested to enforce Ordinance No. 282, relative to property owners making proper connections with the city sewer in eight months from this date.

Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Stevens, offered the following amendment: That only those blocks having a line of sewer on two sides of the block be required to connect with the city sewer.

The amendment having been put to a vote and lost, the motion as originally offered prevailed. Councilmen Moore and Stevens voting aye.

McClanahan by Gardner: It is understood that a line of sewer running within 185 feet of the curb of any property shall be considered a reasonable distance in ordering property owners to connect with the city sewers. So ordered.

McClanahan by Gardner: That the position on the police force held by H. C. Foreman be declared vacant. So ordered.

Moore by Weaver: That the Council proceed to fill the vacancy on the police force. So ordered.

Applications from Houston Dabney and R. M. Nickles to fill the vacancy on the police force having been read, a vote was taken, resulting in the election of Mr. Nickles, who upon Mr. Nickles was declared duly elected on the police force of the city.

On motion the treasurer was ordered to refund Ollie Johnson \$1.15, being the amount of privilege license tax paid by him in error.

The teachers have entered the list of players in the basket ball contests which occur frequently on the college campus now-a-days, and had a good practice game the early part of the week.